

BRATTLEBORO LOCAL

EMIL APPELBAUM DEAD.

Former Manager and Owner of Water-cure Buildings—Man of Exceptional Height—Inmate of Odd Fellows' Home.

Emil Appelbaum, 83, who was a prominent German resident of Brattleboro until he became an inmate of the Gill Odd Fellows' home in Ludlow over 12 years ago, died in the home Saturday morning after a brief illness with pneumonia. He had been in his usual health until a short time ago. He became prominent in this town through his connection with the Lawrence and Vessels water-cure buildings on Elm street, being at one time an owner of one and at different times manager of both, and for 25 years or more he was employed by the Estey Organ company, in the packing department.

He was striking in appearance, being about six and a half feet tall, and he was inherently a gentleman, never forgetting to be courteous and always making a good impression upon the minds of all with whom he came in contact. Many years ago he joined Wantastiquet lodge of Odd Fellows, and he maintained an interest in the lodge. Greetings from him were read in the recent installation of officers.

Mr. Appelbaum's wife and adopted daughter died some years ago and on June 9, 1899, he entered the Gill home, but he had visited in the town several times since then. A brief funeral service was held in the home at 5.30 Sunday afternoon. Rev. William J. Ballou officiating, and the body was taken to Brattleboro Monday morning. Rev. Andrew Harper, Jr., rector, officiated at services in St. Michael's Episcopal church and the body was placed in the tomb in Prospect Hill cemetery. The bearers were L. E. Boyce of Ludlow and A. L. Maynard, F. S. Knight, Fred Dunklee, August Beane and Francis E. Perry of this town, Odd Fellows.

A sketch of Mr. Appelbaum, written Nov. 8, 1896, by the Brattleboro correspondent of the Springfield Republican was published in that paper Nov. 10 of that year, as follows:

"Among the passengers of the Hamburg steamer Danla, which sailed today from New York, was Emil Appelbaum, Brattleboro's tallest man, who at the time the water-cure flourished here was very much in society life and who has always been a respected citizen of the town. He goes back to Germany to visit his relatives and in the hope of restoring his impaired health. He carries with him the good wishes and kindly sympathy of his townsmen, and especially those of his countrymen by whom he was most highly esteemed.

"Mr. Appelbaum was born in Dantzig, Prussia, in 1829. After leaving school he was employed in a wholesale establishment, where he remained until 1848 when he began the study of law, which he continued for two years. His health failing, he went on the road as a traveling salesman for a large wine merchant. Four years later, his father having died, he went to England, but finding no employment there he went back to Germany and took a ship to America on the ship of a schoolmate. Discouraged by the outlook here, he had concluded to enlist in the English foreign legion, which was about ready to go to Crimea. At this juncture he received a proposition from Dr. James C. Jackson to go to the Glen Haven water-cure. This he accepted and for four years he worked with the doctor in the study of hydrotherapy. He then went to Philadelphia for a short time and finally, in 1857, he came with Dr. Graub, head physician of the Lawrence water-cure, to Brattleboro.

"Dr. Graub being unable, on account of poor health, to give instructions to the students, the proprietor of the establishment, Joseph Davidson of New York, who had bought it of Bayard Card, the founder and builder in 1852, engaged Mr. Appelbaum to take the place of Dr. Graub. Charles Cheney, now of Hoonah Falls, N. Y., being the head clerk. Here Mr. Appelbaum remained until 1860, when he went across the way to the Vessels water-cure as superintendent for P. B. Francis, who had succeeded Dr. Westschell, who operated there until 1859. In 1861 Dr. Davidson failed and the Lawrence water-cure was transferred to William Browne, who held the mortgage. Mr. Browne engaged Mr. Appelbaum as manager, and two years later he and Ernst Hepp of New York bought the institution and continued its successful career for five years, when Mr. Appelbaum sold his interest to his partner though he was retained as manager another year, when Mr. Knowlton, brother-in-law of P. B. Francis, bought the institution. Mr. Appelbaum continued as manager until 1870, when he entered the employ of the Estey Organ company, where he has been for 25 years.

"During the winters of 1862 and 1863 Mr. Appelbaum was agent for the United States sanitary commission with the Army of the Potomac, and he remained in Germany. He married in 1870 Miss Augusta Appel, teacher of languages in Glenwood seminary, and she taught languages in the schools of Mrs. Chase and Mrs. Howland and St. Agnes' school in Ludlow Falls, and in Miss Stevens' school in Greenfield.

"During Mr. Appelbaum's administration of the water-cure several prominent people were guests of the two houses, among them being the Buckners of New Orleans, Mrs. Eustis, Gen. McClellan, the Prussian, Austrian and Belgian ministers, Count Gurovsky, secretary of the Russian legation, a finished linguist, and a political writer of distinction, who finally became secretary Seward's private secretary, Peter B. Sweeney, the famous satchel man, Miss O'Reilly, Dr. Kane, the Arctic explorer, and a number of noted southerners, who kept up their visits here until the breaking out of the war. The guests of the water-cure were given to great social activity in those days, and their masquerades were unique and expensive. Mr. Appelbaum was a man of great physical strength, and a little story well illustrates his power. One night in the midst of a gentle company of dancers, a burly fellow had found his way unbidden into the ball room began to disturb the party. Mr. Appelbaum approached the intruder and, clasping him tightly and lifting him bodily from the floor, carried him outside and sat him down in the mud, while the dance continued without further interruption.

"Mr. Appelbaum frequently sang in public here. He had a good musical education, and in boyhood was a member of a choir in his native place. He is a member of the Arian and Lieder Kranz societies of New York."

Utterly Wretched

Nervous Prostration Long Endured Before Remedy Was Found. Miss Minerva Reminger, Upper Bern, Pa., writes: "For several years I had nervous prostration, and was utterly wretched. I lived on bread and beef tea because my stomach would not retain anything else. I took many remedies, but obtained no relief until I took Hood's Sarsaparilla, when I began to gain at once. Am now cured." Pure, rich blood makes good, strong nerves, and this is why Hood's Sarsaparilla, which purifies and enriches the blood, cures so many nervous diseases. Get it today in usual liquid form or chocolate tablets called Sarsatebs.

DEATH OF JUDGE A. A. HALL.

Native of Athens Who Had Filled Many Public Positions with Distinguished Ability.

Superior Judge Alfred A. Hall, 63, died Sunday in his home in St. Albans after an illness of several weeks with bright disease. Judge Hall was born in Athens in this county Dec. 31, 1848, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Hall. He attended the schools in his native town and Leland and Gray seminary in Townshend. He began the study of law in the office of Davis & Adams in St. Albans in 1870 and three years later was admitted to the bar.

In public affairs in St. Albans Col. Hall served in many capacities, being at different times president of the board of village trustees, corporation counsel, member of the board of education, treasurer of the board of library trustees, and state's attorney. In 1890 Mr. Hall was a state senator from Franklin county. He was chairman of the commission on the revision of the Vermont statutes in 1893 and commissioner from Vermont on the conference on uniformity of state laws in 1896. During all these years he practiced law successfully until in 1896 he was elected superior judge in 1906. In 1910 he was elected as a private in the Vermont National Guard, and retired some years later with the rank of first lieutenant and regimental inspector. He was a colonel on the staff of Gov. Plummer in 1896. Judge Hall was a prominent candidate for Congress in 1900, when D. J. Foster was first nominated in the First district.

In Free Masonry Judge Hall was very prominent. He was made a Mason in Blazing Star lodge in Townshend soon after attaining his majority. He served three terms as worshipful master of Franklin lodge in St. Albans and in the grand bodies of Vermont has been very conspicuous, being at different times at the head of the grand lodge, the grand chapter, the grand council and the grand commandery. In the Scottish rite branch of Masonry he had been honored with the 33rd and highest degree.

In 1874 Mr. Hall married Abbie L. Austin of Athens. She survives with two sons, Harrie and W. Hall, assistant treasurer of the Chittenden County Trust company in Burlington and Leroy A. Hall of St. Albans.

Judge Hall was a man of very attractive personality and on the bench won a reputation as one of the most efficient presiding judges who has ever appeared in the Vermont courts.

His funeral was held in the morning at 10 o'clock from the residence of his wife, Mrs. Hall, at 100 North Main street. The body was taken to the cemetery in Burlington and Leroy A. Hall of St. Albans.

Many people in Windham county will be interested to learn that the old Continental hotel, a yellow brick structure at the corner of Broadway and Twentieth street, New York city, of which the late E. L. Merrifield was proprietor many years, was closed last week.

On its site a 20-story business building will be erected. Mr. Merrifield was born in Jamaica in 1835 and attended school in that town and at Leland and Gray seminary in Townshend. He married Ellen L. Farrar of Townshend in 1863, and they had two children, Carrie H. and Mark E., and the latter has conducted the hotel since his father's death in 1902.

In its account of the closing of the hotel the New York Times said: "Mark E. Merrifield, the proprietor, stood in the old-fashioned lobby, which had always had half a dozen rows of comfortable chairs just back of the Broadway windows, and shook hands with his departing guests."

"For nearly 40 years the Continental has been a Merrifield hotel. The late E. L. Merrifield, one of the best-known hotel men of his time, took the house in 1876 when it was known as Barnum's hotel. Mr. Merrifield managed the house until his death in 1902, and since that time it has been in charge of his son, Mark E. Merrifield.

"The attitude of the old-timers was well expressed by one man, who said, in parting: 'Well, good-bye, Mr. Merrifield, I've been coming here for twenty years, and it seems almost like leaving home.'

"My oldest guest has been living here 32 years," said Mr. Merrifield, "and several have been here over 20 years."

"With the exception of the Grand Central hotel, on Broadway between Bleek and Third streets, the Continental is the last of the famous Broadway houses below Twenty-third street. It was built about 1866. For many years it was the home of George Francis Train, and was also the popular meeting place of the Methodist and Congregational ministers, who held weekly conferences and dinners here. It has always maintained the old-fashioned methods of hospitality and comfort, and this was one reason that made it so popular with hundreds of out-of-town merchants."

Windham County Pomona Grange held a regular meeting last night with the Broad Brook Grange in Guilford Saturday evening. The forenoon session was carried out, consisting of music, readings and recitations and the discussion of the question, "Which has done more for the world, wealth or brains?" Wordy Post Master L. Frost and H. C. Hazleton, worthy master of Evening Star Grange, addressed the meeting. All the officers were present except two and 93 attended the afternoon session. Several subordinate Granges were represented. The next meeting will be held with Putney Grange in Putney, Saturday, Feb. 10.

Brookline.

Mrs. Earl Putnam and two children are visiting at William Hewitt's. Horace Gale was called to Walpole Monday by the illness of his father.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Watkins and Miss Annie Osgood spent Sunday at E. P. Osgood's.

Robert Potwine, who has been working in Keene, N. H., is spending a week at home.

Oxen seem to be in demand. Four good teams have been sold from this town recently.

Miss Jennie Harwood and Mrs. Royal Marsh were in Cambridgeport and Athens Saturday.

Miss Sadie Hewitt, Mr. Kenney and Mrs. Don Boutele of Townshend were at P. L. Potwine's Sunday.

About 50 attended the millinery social held in the Baptist parsonage Monday evening when a pleasing program was carried out, consisting of recitations and music. After supper, consisting of sandwiches, cake, tea and coffee, the men were given hats or bonnets which they trimmed in quick time. Reginald McHale won first prize. All report an extremely merry evening.

The body of Brig.-Gen. William Smith, U. S. A., retired, who died in Falmouth, N. Y., Jan. 17, was brought to Orwell, his native town, for burial. Gen. Smith was paymaster of volunteers in the Civil war and reached the grade of brigadier general in 1890.

CAMBRIDGEPORT.

David L. Bemis.

David L. Bemis, 77, whose death was noted in The Phoenix last week, was born in Townshend April 13, 1834. He was the only child of David and Margaret Hastings Bemis. In 1856 he married Jane S. Fisher of Townshend. His early life was spent in Townshend, where for 20 years he drove a freight team from there to Bellows Falls. Mr. and Mrs. Bemis came here to live 2 years ago and six years ago they celebrated their golden wedding.

H. P. Sweet, pastor of the church here, officiated at the funeral Wednesday afternoon. He took for the basis of his remarks the passage, "Thou shalt come to thy grave in a full age, like as a shock of corn cometh in his season." Two selections were sung, "Over the river" and "The beautiful isle of somewhere," by Mrs. Minnie Kendall and Miss Alice R. Fisher. It seemed very fitting that the service should be held in the church for which Mr. Bemis had done so much. Beautiful flowers covered the casket. Mr. Bemis served as janitor of the school building many years and the teacher and pupils attended the funeral in a body. A Christian man and one who had a pleasant word for every one, he is gone, and will be sadly missed by many aside from his own family, who have the sympathy of everyone. He leaves, besides his wife, a daughter, Mrs. George E. Walker, and one grandson.

Relatives present at the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Judson B. Perry of Putney, Mr. and Mrs. James Stratton of Walpole, N. H., and Mrs. Rose Gale, Frank Gale and O. W. Pollett of Townshend. The burial took place in the cemetery here.

Thomas Bell of Moores, N. Y., is visiting at Philip Moore's.

Many of the old friends here of Judge A. A. Hall were saddened to hear of his death.

Ice cutters are busy on the pond and report the ice of good thickness and of excellent quality.

Miss Jennie Harwood and Mrs. Royal Marsh of Brookline were at Rose Terrace one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Weaver spent Sunday with their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Weston, in Bellows Falls.

GRAFTON.

Mrs. Etta Hall is ill.

Miss Amy Davis is visiting friends in Evert, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Dompier were in Londonderry Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Lawrence were in Saxtons River Monday.

Mrs. John Pollard of Bartonville was at J. Groves the first of the week.

Mrs. Adams, who is caring for Mrs. W. S. Eaton, was in Springfield from Friday to Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Fairbanks of North Chester were guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Burlingame Sunday.

F. O. Merrill closed a very successful singing class for the children last week Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. L. Walker were called to Bellows Falls Friday on account of the serious illness of their daughter, Mrs. D. R. Kendall. Mr. Walker returned Saturday. Mrs. Kendall is more comfortable.

A Scranton daily newspaper recently contained an account of the rescue of Edward Gross, whose clothes were on fire, by Rev. Dr. William M. Walker, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist church, and a well-known summer visitor here. Three gallons of gasoline in a kiosk in George M. Schmidt's tailor shop exploded and wrecked the shop. The newspaper account said: "Gross, who is a youth of 19 or thereabouts, is in the state hospital with serious burns about the legs. He will get around all right, the doctors think. He can thank Rev. Walker for his clothes, which he took from the fire."

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AN IMPORTANT BILL.

A bill of great importance was introduced in the House of Representatives in Washington Wednesday, Jan. 17, by Representative Lever of South Carolina, and on the same day it was presented in the Senate jointly by Senators Carroll S. Page of Vermont and Hoke Smith of Georgia. The bill provides for the further endowment and support of agricultural colleges to enable them to assist in getting into practice the best methods of agriculture evolved by operation of the plan of establishing and maintaining agricultural colleges and experiment stations in the various states.

This measure is the joint work of the National Soil Fertility league, the executive committee of the colleges of agriculture and the statesmen above named. It is in line with the President's recommendation in his address at the National Conservation Congress at Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 25, 1911, it has the support of the House leaders of both parties, and it may be regarded as an omnipartisan measure.

According to the general plan out of which this measure springs, it is proposed that the procedure shall consist of getting into general practice the best methods known of scientific agriculture by employing trained agriculturists, or practical farm demonstrators, skilled in the most approved methods of farm practice, to take to the farmer on his own farm the information or knowledge that will enable him, the latter, to interpret and adapt to his local conditions the best methods of farming. In plain terms, it will, as rapidly as possible, place a trained, practical man, selected and directed by the respective state agricultural colleges, prominently in each agricultural county of the United States, and enable the farmer to become master of his calling aided by the best services the country can furnish, and supported by federal and state funds.

According to the provisions of the bill there will be an appropriation beginning at the rate of less than one cent per capita and will approximate three cents per capita by the time the annual appropriation shall have increased from \$500,000 per year, the starting point, to a little over three million dollars, when it reaches the maximum. To have a clear idea of the distribution of these funds it must be understood that each state receiving its share of the fund must appropriate an equal amount for this purpose.

Most authorities have expressed the belief that the operation of this plan will in a few years increase the farm output at least 50 per cent. That means an increase of wealth per capita of about \$500 per annum, and it adds to the country's assets four and one-half billion in national resources. The average acreage of Europe gives from two to three times the yield of the American farms, notwithstanding their soil has been producing for centuries more than the lands have been cropped here.

In the President's opinion this promise to be the most valuable constructive legislation of recent years. Speaker Clark says the bill cannot grasp the benefits that should grow out of this movement. Majority Leader Underwood expresses the belief that it will do more good to more people than any other single enactment in a generation. H. H. Gross of Chicago, president of the National Soil Fertility league, says he has submitted this specific plan to every agricultural college in the land, there has been no adverse criticism and about 50 per cent have strongly endorsed it; it has been approved by about four hundred public bodies, such as boards of trade, commercial associations, business men's clubs, women's clubs, etc., and nearly a thousand influential newspapers have expressed a willingness to support it.

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Wilbur Peluse of Wallingford is visiting his son.

Mrs. Fannie Wilkins is keeping house for Frank Stevens.

The Congregational society will serve a chicken-pie supper in Union hall this Friday evening.

Walter Cudworth, A. B. Waite and Herbert Williams attended the Masonic meeting in Brattleboro Friday.

A Pomona Grange meeting will be held in Grange hall Wednesday afternoon and evening. The afternoon session was open to the public and a very interesting literary program was given.